

Amendment to the Claims:

The listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for cleaning a grinding machine having one or more ~~soiled~~ burrs soiled with oils and grinding residue, comprising:

apportioning a predetermined amount of a cleaning material, wherein the cleaning material differs from the material that caused the soiling of the burrs and wherein the amount of cleaning material apportioned is sufficient to clean the soiled burr by removing the oils and residue without impacting the flavor of any material subsequently being inserted into the grinding machine;

inserting the cleaning material into the grinding machine;

grinding the cleaning material using the one or more soiled burrs of the grinder, wherein during the grinding procedure the cleaning material dislodges the soil from the one or more soiled burrs; and

purging the ground cleaning material and the soil from the grinder without the use of liquid.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The cleaning method of claim 1 wherein the cleaning material comprises one or more of the following materials:

- (a) legumes;
- (b) corn husks;
- (c) walnut shells;
- (d) pecan shells;
- (e) nuts;
- (f) rice;
- (g) dried corn kernels;
- (h) barley;
- (i) wheat;

- (j) grain;
- (k) fiber;
- ~~(l) legume;~~
- ~~(m) nut;~~
- (n) bark;
- (o) shell;
- (p) corn meal;
- (q) bulgur wheat;
- (r) oatmeal;
- (s) quick oats;
- (t) grits; and
- (u) rice hulls.

Claims 3-4 (cancelled)

Claim 5 (previously presented): The cleaning method of claim 1, wherein the cleaning material is in the form of a tablet shaped and sized to correspond to the shape and size of the most common type of product that the grinding machine grinds.

Claim 6 (original): The cleaning method of claim 5, wherein the tablet is sized and shaped like a coffee bean.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The cleaning method of claim 1, wherein the cleaning material is colored.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The cleaning method of claim 5, further comprising a binding material.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A grinding machine cleaner for cleaning a grinding machine having at least one ~~soiled~~ grinding burr soiled by oil and residue, comprising:

a predetermined amount of food-safe coarse materials sized into a tablet of a predetermined size and shape, wherein the shape and size of the tablet corresponds to the shape and size of materials specified to be ground by the grinder, wherein the coarse materials differ from the material that caused the soiling of the burr; and

a binding material combined with the coarse material to enable the coarse material to retain its shape and size as said tablet prior to being inserted into the grinding machine, wherein the combination becomes ground by the burrs such that the ground combined materials dislodge the soil from the burrs and wherein the ground combined materials and the soil from the burrs are purged from the grinder using only the grinding action of the grinder without the use of liquid.

Claim 10 (original): The grinding machine cleaner of claim 9, wherein the coarse material is colored.

Claim 11 (original): The grinding machine cleaner of claim 9, wherein the tablet is sized and shaped like a coffee bean.

Claim 12 (original): The grinding machine cleaner of claim 9, wherein the coarse material is organic.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The grinding machine cleaner of claim 12, wherein the organic coarse material comprises one or more of the following ingredients:

- a) bulgur wheat; and
- b) corn meal.

Claim 14 (original): The grinding machine cleaner of claim 9, wherein the coarse material is inorganic.

Claim 15 (currently amended): An apparatus for making a grinding machine cleaner for a grinding machine having one or more ~~soiled~~ burrs soiled by oils and residue, comprising:

a mold having a first portion having a first predetermined size and shape, wherein the size and shape corresponds to the size and shape of the most common type of product that the grinding machine grinds;

a mold having a second portion having a second predetermined size and shape complementary to the first predetermined size and shape;

food safe materials for placing into the mold portions, wherein the food safe materials differ from the material that caused the soiling of the burrs to enable the food safe materials to remove the oils and residue; and

a pressing machine for pressing the first and second halves of the mold together at a predetermined force for combining the food-safe materials into an object corresponding to the size and shape of the most common type of product that the grinding machine is capable of grinding, wherein the pressed object is capable of being ground by the burrs for knocking the soil off the soiled burrs and then

the soil and the ground pressed object being purged through the grinding machine without the use of liquid.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 15 further comprising a binding material to be mixed in with the coarse materials.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 15 further comprising a coloring agent to be mixed in with the coarse materials.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the first portion of the mold is sized and shaped like the bottom side of a coffee bean.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the second portion of the mold is sized and shaped like the top side of a coffee bean.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The grinding machine cleaner of claim 15, wherein the coarse material is inorganic.